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OTTAWA CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the American Library Association will be held this year at Ottawa, Canada, June 26 to July 2. The first and thus far only Canadian meeting of the A. L. A. was held at Montreal in 1900. The past twelve years have seen notable progress to the library profession both in the United States and Canada and those who attended the Montreal conference will doubtless find their minds reverting from Ottawa to the library situation when last we met with our northern members. Indications point to a large attendance. The local committee is already at work arranging for our comfort and accommodation; the program committees of the A. L. A., and the various affiliated associations and sections are already engaged in framing the Ottawa program and are determined that with the assistance of contributing librarians and specialists it shall be no whit behind that of previous conferences; and the travel committee have travel plans sufficiently formulated to give all necessary preliminary information. Complete details may be expected in the May Bulletin.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENT

While application for a special reduced rate on account of the A. L. A. Conference

has been made, it seems doubtful if such rate will fall much below the regular summer excursion round trip which will be in force to Ottawa from most points in eastern and central United States. This rate varies greatly from different points in comparison with the one-way fare. We advise all to consult their home railway agents regarding it, and regarding possibilities of a variable rate going and returning.

If the going trip does not pass through Montreal and you desire to take the post-conference trip, tickets should be bought if possible to Montreal, via Ottawa with stop-over privilege at Ottawa for the conference, and at Montreal for the post-conference trip.

From eastern Canadian points a round-trip rate on the certificate plan will probably be granted us, on basis of one and three-fifths fares, or possibly one and a third—provided fifty or more certificates are presented at the meeting.

Party Travel Plans

To accommodate those desiring to travel together and have all arrangements for their comfort made, the Travel Committee will operate three special excursions to

Ottawa, one from Boston, one from New York, and one from Chicago.

Boston Party

(Includes Eastern and Central New England.)

Special sleepers will leave Boston early on the evening of June 25th, running probably via Boston & Maine, Central Vermont and Grand Trunk railways, due to arrive in Ottawa about noon June 26th, the opening day of conference.

The round trip fare Boston to Ottawa will probably be \$19.40 and lower berth \$2.50 one way.

Reservations for this party should be made with Frederick W. Faxon, 83 Francis St., Boston, and deposit covering Pullman will later be required.

New York Party

(Including Eastern Atlantic States.)

This party will leave New York on the evening of June 25th by Albany night boat, thus ensuring a restful night journey. From Albany special parlor cars will be used, the party reaching Ottawa about super-time, June 26th, thus giving a pleasant daylight trip through the Eastern Adirondack mountains.

The round trip excursion rate will be about \$22.00 from New York City, which includes stateroom berth on boat and parlor-car seat going.

Tickets will be good returning all rail.

Rate from Philadelphia will be \$4.50 in addition to the above.

This party will be in charge of C. H. Brown, Brooklyn public library, and deposit covering stateroom berth and parlor car seat for going trip will be required later.

Chicago Party

(Including the Middle West.)

A special Pullman train will be run from Chicago to Ottawa without change, leaving Chicago the afternoon of June 25th, arriving at Ottawa on the afternoon of the next day. Round trip fare from Chicago to Ottawa will be \$20.00, lower berth \$5.00 one way. Reservations for this party should be made with John F. Phelan, Chicago pub-

lic library, and deposit covering Pullman will be required later.

Attractive return trips with low rates by way of Boston, New York, Niagara Falls, Washington, Norfolk, etc., will be announced in the May Bulletin. Special rates from points west of Chicago will be made, based on the round trip fare from Chicago to Ottawa.

Those returning by way of Niagara Falls will have choice either of all rail to Chicago, or boat from Buffalo to Detroit, without extra charge.

Complete information regarding routes and rates will be announced in the May Bulletin.

POST-CONFERENCE TRIP

(July 3rd to July 9th.)

A post-conference trip is planned on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers, ending at Montreal on the morning of July 9th. The cost of this week-long river trip will be well within \$40—including stateroom (holding two persons), meals and side excursions. An outline of this trip follows:

The party will leave Ottawa on Wednesday morning July 3rd, arriving in Montreal for lunch and will spend the afternoon and evening in seeing the city, visiting McGill University and the Westmount public library. On Wednesday evening, July 3rd, the party takes special steamer and proceeds down the river, passing Quebec the next morning, calling in the afternoon at the little French village of Les Eboulements, and later at Tadousac at the mouth of the Saguenay. Between Tadousac and Capes Eternity and Trinity occurs the very finest scenery on the Saguenay; and this part of the route will be traversed while the sun is setting and the late moon rising, so that the Capes themselves may be seen by moonlight. Early next morning the steamer will be at Ha Ha Bay, near Chicoutimi, and chosen instead of the latter as the turning-point of the excursion. Having ascended the Saguenay by night the descent will be made by day with a long stop at the Capes, and at Tadousac. Thence the steamer will cross the St. Lawrence, here 18 to 20 miles wide, in order

to give the party an additional taste of salt water and also to get the effect of the sunset on the northern cliffs. The next day will be spent at Murray Bay; the next (Sunday) at Quebec. Three Rivers at the mouth of the St. Maurice river will be reached on Monday morning, and there a landing will be made for a day's excursion to Shawinigan Falls. On Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock the post-conference trip will end at Montreal in time for all home-bound trains.

C. H. Gould, McGill University library, Montreal, will make all arrangements for this trip.

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OTTAWA HOTELS

Headquarters will be at the Chateau Laurier, the new hotel which has been in course of construction for the past three or four years and which the management is planning to open Empire Day, the 24th of May. Rooms (without meals) will be from \$1.25 up to \$3.50. Table d'hôte dinner will be served for \$1.00; other meals will be on European plan.

The New Russell Hotel, at present the best in Ottawa, is about a minute's walk from the Chateau Laurier. Rooms (without meals) from \$1.00 up to \$3.50. Meals on European plan.

Grand Union Hotel, about five minutes' walk from Chateau Laurier, offers rate of \$2.50 a day, American plan.

Detailed information regarding hotel rates and reservations will be given in the May Bulletin.

We shall print in the May Bulletin a notice regarding points of attraction in and around Ottawa, how they may be reached, the cost, and how much time each trip will consume.

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FOREIGN BOOKLISTS

Every now and then the executive office has a request for a list of books in some specified foreign language, suitable for public libraries. These requests come principally from libraries which have a large percentage of foreign born population to cater to. A good many libraries have compiled reading lists of books in various languages which have either been printed, multigraphed or typewritten and which they would be willing to furnish to other libraries at a reasonable price. The American Library Association will be willing to compile a list of such material, which list when prepared will be printed either in the A. L. A. Bulletin or in the other library periodicals. Any public library which has lists of books in foreign languages which it has found serviceable for its own use, and which is in a position to give, loan or sell these lists to those desiring them is requested to send one copy each of all such lists to the secretary of the A. L. A. Please mark conspicuously the price or conditions on which each list may be secured, both for single copies and for 25 or more to the same address.

We wish to include in such a bibliography good reading lists in all the following languages, or any others in which lists may have been compiled: Bohemian, Chinese, Danish and Norwegian, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek (modern), Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Lettish, Lithuanian, Polish, Roumanian, Russian, Servian, Spanish, Swedish, Syriac, Turkish, Yiddish.

COMMITTEE ON RELATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO MUNICIPALITIES

Dr. Arthur E. Bostwick, chairman of the Council committee to consider the relations of public libraries to municipalities, has completed this committee by appointing Samuel H. Ranck, librarian of the Grand Rapids public library, and Judson T. Jennings, librarian of the Seattle public library, as the other members.